बैंक ने यह भी सूचित किया है कि यूनियनों/एशोसिएशनों को मान्यता, इसके लिए मान्यता पर विचार करते समय उनके बहुमत को ध्यान में रखकर दी जाती है।

जहां तक सदस्यता के सत्यापन का संबंध है, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि उसके पास इस तरह का सत्यापन करने के लिए कोई अलग से तंत्र नहीं है और न ही इस तरह की अब तक कोई आवश्यकता महसूस की गई है । अलबत्ता यदि कोई यूनियन बहुमत के आधार पर मान्यता के लिए दावा करती है तो उसे अपना दावा सिद्ध करने के लिए श्रम मंत्रालय के केन्द्रीय कार्यान्वयन तंत्र की सहायता लेनी होगी।

Use of a chemical to reduce chrome pollution

2988. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special chemical has been developed by an Indian firm in collaboration with Central Leather Research Institute which can reduce the chrome pollution in leather Industry to a great extent which is concentrated around Kanpur;

(b) whether this chemical has been used some where to verify its capacity to control pollution;

(c) whether this has also been used by Ganga Project authorities and if so, with what results; and

(d) whether any incentives have been offered to the inventor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir. The product is already in commercial use inmany Indian tanneries.

c The Ganga Project authorities have not used this product since it is meant 'for inplant use by Tanners.

(d) No, *Sir.*

Increase in pension amount payable to ex-political sufferers

2989. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the amount of pension payable to the freedom fighters (ex-political sufferers); and

(b) if so, from which date the enhanced pension is payable to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister has announced enhancement of pension under the Swatantrata Sainik samman Pension Scheme, 1980 yesterday in Parliament. The enhancement of pension will be effective from 14-11-88.

Amount due towards Post manufacturing Expenses from Mls. VST Industries Hyderabad

2990. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that crores of rupees on account of post manufacturing expenses are' due from M/s. VST Industries, Hyderabad;

(b) if so, what is the total amount due from the Company;

(c) what is the total amount recovered from the Company till 30th June, 1989; and '

(d) what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken by Government for the recovery of the dues, if the same has not yet been recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) to (d) An amount of Rs. 11-85 croreswas demanded from Mls. VST Industries Ltd.Hyderabad on account of post manufacturing expenses for

the period from 1975 to 1988. Up to June, 1989 they have paid Rs. 6.62 crores. In respect of the balance amount of Rs. 5.23 crores, they have claimed deductions_ The matter is pending for decision before the Supreme Court.

Income-tax arrears, against M|s. ITC Limited, Calcutta

2991. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. ITC Limited, Calcutta owes Government Rs. 47 crore towards'income-tax dues;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Company is required to pay the dues in. 12 instalments;

(c) if so, how many instalments (with amount of each instalment) have been paid by the Company so far; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by Government in case the instalments are not being paid by the Company as per schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT . PANJA) : (a) I.T.C. Limited, Calcutta does not owe any income-tax.

(b) to (d) In view of reply to part (a), these do not arise.

Prosecution case against M/sITC Ltd. Calcutta for violation of Central Excise Duty

2992. SHRI VIRENDRA VERM A : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to states

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Government's decision prosecution against tax evaders can only be launched after the adjudication is over;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not launching prosecution case against M/s. itcLtd., when the Director-General of Inspection has passed the adjudication order against the Company on the 1 Oth April, 1986; and

(c) what action is contemplated against M/s. ITC Ltd., when opinion of the Attorney General has also been received ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRl AJIT PANJA) : (a) As per guidelines, prosecution in Central Excise cases is normally launched immediately after adjudication proceedings are completed. However,' if the assesses deliberatly delays completion of adjudication proceedings, prosecution can be launched even during the pendency of the adjudication proceedings.

(b) and (c) Director-General of Inspection, Customsand Central Excise, New Delhi in his ■ adjudication order dated 10-4-86 had not quantified the amount of duty evasion against the company. Only the principles for quantifying the amount of duty evasion were laid down by him in his order. The question of quantification of amount of duty evasion became the subject matter of dispute *and was finally referred to Attorney-General of India whose opinion has been received only in the month of May, 1989. Instructions have been issued to Collectors of Central Excise to quantify the amount confirmed in theaforesaid adjudiction order on the basis of opinion of Attorney-General.

Cost of Living Index

2993. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : willthe Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the figures of the cost of living index pertaining to the months of April, May and June, 1989 and the preceding twelve monthly average thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that prices of consumer goods have, risen enormously during these months; if so. the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to contain the prices 7